

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BURNISTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
METHODIST CHAPEL ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008 AT 7.15PM**

Present: Councillor P Graves (Chairman)
Councillor A Backhouse
Councillor A Hill
Councillor B Marley
Councillor Mrs Oldroyd
Councillor P Tidd

Mrs J Marley – Clerk, PC595 Bilton (part meeting), 1 member of public.

Absent: County Cllr. Mrs Swiers, Cllrs. Mrs Brownbridge and Crook

35/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – **Received & accepted** from County Cllr. Mrs Swiers & Cllr. Mrs Brownbridge (prior commitments).

36/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – **Received** from Cllr. Backhouse, personal & prejudicial, agenda item 6/2, since his name was on the funding bids & he was managing the project; Cllr. Tidd, personal & non-prejudicial, agenda item 6/2, since he was a member of the Village Hall Committee.

37/08 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the meetings of 6th May 2008 were **approved** as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

38/08 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting was adjourned at 7.17pm to allow the public open forum.

39/08 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Request that the Rolls of Honour (removed from Methodist School Room for safekeeping during the current building works) be displayed in a public place such as the Village Hall.

40/08 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting resumed at 7.19pm to continue with the business on the agenda.

41/08 **MATTERS RAISED AT PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Parishioners comments **noted** and would be taken into account when the relevant agenda item was considered.

42/08 **UPDATES**
a) **Flag pole and flags** [Minute 25/08b) refers]
Received & noted - Clerk's report re. cost of flags. **Agreed** to purchase Yorkshire and St. George's flags at cost of £71 +VAT & carriage, Clerk to give copy of flagpole key & list of flag flying days to Cllr. Backhouse.

b) **Village Hall Playground Improvement Project** [Minute 27/08f) refers]
In accordance with his Declaration of a Personal and Prejudicial interest at Minute 36/08, Cllr. Backhouse left the room for the duration of this item.

Received reports by Chairman and Clerk and **noted** that the sequence of events outlined in the Clerk's report to the May meeting had been stalled for 3 weeks – validation of the agreement between SBC and the Parish Council had been delayed due to SBC's slowness in sorting a legal problem of their own making. As soon as the agreement was valid (on or after 4th June), the Chairman and Clerk would proceed in accordance with the previously approved timetable. Also **received & noted** note from Cllr. Backhouse (circulated to those present at meeting) regarding his dissatisfaction with the Chairman and Clerk's refusal to exceed the actions authorised by Council at its May meeting, as a result of which implementation of the project had been further delayed – **agreed** Council fully supported the action taken by the Chairman and Clerk.

43/08 **REPORTS**
a) **Police:** PC 595 Bilton reported on various incidents within the area. The Road Traffic section had been busy & offences disclosed included speeding, using a phone while driving, disqualified driving. Other matters included problems with boy racers,

use of an airgun near Burniston Beck, theft of scrap metal & suspected poaching. Due to the high price of oil, people were urged to keep their fuel tanks locked and usage monitored. Horse owners were also urged to be vigilant as there had been recent thefts of horses, which it was believed were being stolen to order

- b) **County:** No report to receive.
- c) **Borough:** Borough Cllr. Backhouse reported 35% of waste collected by SBC was recycled, 4,000 garden waste bins had been sold and SBC were looking at recycling glass via the blue bins - **noted**.
- d) **Parish:** Various matters reported, **noted** or action **agreed** – 1] Cllr. Backhouse, Village Sports Day 2pm Sunday 6th July; half barrels for War Memorial still needed replacing; 2] Cllr. Marley on behalf of Cllr. Mrs Brownbridge, problems with parking on Limestone Rd near school continued; hedge on Mary Leefe walk needed cutting back (Clerk speak to Mr Leefe); overgrowth on Prickybeck path needed cutting back (Cllr. Hill to ask Mr Wilson to trim back); 3] Cllr. Hill, vehicle parking on High Street pavement at top of hill (Clerk to deal); Coastal Rd camera sign obscured by trees (to Highways); weed spraying of gutters Limestone Way/Grove needed (to Highways); recent Coastal Forum meeting had mentioned funding through the LEADER project; 4] Cllr. Tidd, complaints from Scalby Road residents about loose manholes (to Highways); 5] Cllr. Graves, leylandii growing in gutter at Three Jolly Sailors (to Highways); discussed at YLCA Scarborough Branch meeting – S106 agreements to be levied on single dwellings, delegation of planning decisions to parishes, proposed changes to Model Agreement.
- e) **Clerk: Noted** suggestion of pruning/removal of self-seeded trees on A171 Swarthlands Lane to Burniston Gardens & extension of village grass cut to Swarthlands Lane end. Suggested by Cllr. Backhouse that it may be possible to do a "Village Gateway" scheme with Highways. **Agreed** Clerk to approach Highways re. tree pruning & gateway scheme.

44/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following was **received**:

- a) Invite to Transport Forum, Wed 9th July, 9.30 to 12.30 plus buffet lunch, Whitby – **agreed** - Borough Cllr. Backhouse attending but Cllr. Graves may be able to attend;
- b) From Burniston Methodist Church re. Roll of Honour – **agreed** Village Hall would be good place to site Roll, but it would need to be high up to prevent damage;
- c) From Burniston Methodist Church re. unavailability of schoolroom during building works – **received** Clerk's report re. alternative locations available and **agreed** July meeting in Methodist Chapel, September & October meetings St Mary's Church Hall Cloughton, Clerk to ask Lindhead School and The Den about use of their premises for meetings November 08 to April 09;
- d) Correspondence received after 29/5/08 & requiring response before 1/7/08 – **none**.

45/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Applications Received:**
 - i. Erect conservatory & new fence to recently purchased land, 1 Laurel Close, – **agreed** no objections to conservatory but object to fence, therefore **object** to application as submitted;
- b) **Decisions received:**
 - i. Roof alterations & extension, 3 Bridge Close - approved;
- c) **Planning matters received after 29/5/08:** None.

46/08 **FINANCE MATTERS**

- a) **Model Agreement – proposed changes by SBC**
Received Clerk's written report, **noted** proposed changes would reduce income by over £6,100; in order to maintain present service levels this deficit would have to be made good by increasing the precept. Clerk estimated a 215% increase in the precept would be needed (from £7.99/house to £17-19/house). **Agreed** Council objected in strongest possible terms to proposals which were totally at odds with central government's ethos of devolving function to parish councils. Clerk **authorised** to negotiate to maintain the status quo as far as possible and keep Council informed.

b) Draft Parish Charter with SBC

Received Clerk's report that this draft was substantially the same as that rejected out of hand by all parishes in the Borough four years ago, mainly on the grounds it bore absolutely no resemblance to central government's draft & ignored quality councils altogether. The charter had little substance and offered no apparent benefits for this Council. **Agreed** Council would not sign the Parish Charter in its current format, Clerk to keep Council informed of any developments.

c) 08/09 Insurance [Minute 27/08e) refers]

Agreed cheque in the sum of £337-36 (being the 08/09 premium) be authorised for signature.

47/08 **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY**

Having been previously circulated, the following were **approved** for payment:-

YRCC	08/09 membership	£35-00
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall	08/09 ground maintenance contribution	£1475-00
St Mary's Cloughton PCC	08/09 churchyard maintenance contribution	£402-00

48/08 **CIRCULATION**

The following were handed to Cllr. Hill for circulation:- Renaissance News [May 08]; details of highway maintenance programme 2008/09; Assembly Digest [spring 08]; White Rose Update [May 08]; details of YLCA councillor training programme; Moors Messenger [May 08]; Moorsbus 2008 timetable; Police report for May 08.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.